

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

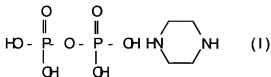
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Applicants are submitting the present Amendment without prejudice to the subsequent prosecution of claims to some or all of the subject matter which might be disclaimed by virtue of this paper, and explicitly reserve the right to pursue some or all of such subject matter, in Divisional or Continuation Applications.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) A process of producing [[the]] a piperazine pyrophosphate of Claim 1, said process comprising dehydration condensation of piperazine diphosphate, wherein said piperazine pyrophosphate has a sodium content of 10 ppm or lower and is of the formula:



3. (New) The process of claim 2, wherein the dehydration condensation of piperazine diphosphate is performed using heating/kneading equipment at 120 to 320°C and a number of revolutions of 60 to 1600rpm.

4. (New) The process of claim 2, wherein the dehydration condensation of piperazine diphosphate is performed by dehydration in a refluxing solvent at 120 to 320°C.